

EXHIBIT 2-M2

ENVIRONMENTAL SITE SPECIFIC CHECKLIST FOR REHABILITATION PROJECTS

HOME Project # _____ Address: _____

Grantee Contract # _____ Owner: _____

The Montana HOME Program is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). Together these laws and associated regulations require that HOME grant recipients must evaluate any possible effects a project could have on the environment and consider mitigating actions where adverse effect could be present.

1. Site Suitability

Is the Project site or area generally physically suitable for the proposed HOME activity in terms of slope, erosion, or soils?

YES _____ NO _____

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

2. Floodplain

Is the project area within or adjacent to an identified 100-year floodplain, similar flood-prone area, or area of storm water drainage discharge?

NO _____ YES _____ Based on FEMA Map # _____

If yes, the homeowner must have proof of flood insurance throughout the period of affordability.

3. Surface Water and Aquifers

Would the proposed project have a potential adverse impact on either surface water quality or an identified underground aquifer (water bearing zone)?

NO _____ YES _____

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

4. Wildlife Habitat/Endangered Species

Would the project in general have a potential adverse impact on existing wildlife or fish habitat? Would the proposed project have a potential adverse impact on either an endangered animal or plant species?

NO _____ YES _____

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

5. Wetlands

Would the proposed project alter or disturb wetlands? "Wetlands" generally include swamps, marshes, bogs or similar areas such as sloughs, wet meadows, river overflows, mud flats, and natural ponds.

NO _____ YES _____

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

6. Air Quality

Would the proposed project have an adverse effect on existing area air quality?

NO _____ YES _____

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

7. Historic Properties and Archeological Resources

Is the house associated with the proposed project older than 50 years or located within an identified Historic District?

NO _____ YES _____

Would the proposed project have any effect on historic structures, properties, or archeological resources?

NO _____ YES _____

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

8. Farmlands

Would the proposed project impact prime, unique, or statewide designated or locally important farmland?

NO _____ YES _____

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

9. Noise

a. Is the proposed project located within the noise contours of an airport?

NO _____ YES _____ (Noise level must be under 65DNL (Day Night Level))

b. Is the proposed project located within 1000 feet from a major highway?

NO _____ YES _____

c. Is the proposed project located within 3000 feet from nearest railroad?

NO _____ YES _____

d. Would aircraft, highway, or railroad noise adversely affect the proposed project?

NO _____ YES _____

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

10. Hazardous Facilities

Is there a facility that produces or stores flammable material that is visible from the project site? Hazardous facilities could consist of chemical or petrochemical gas or liquid storage facilities, including propane gas storage tanks.

NO _____ YES _____

If yes, please refer to the *HUD Explosive and Flammable Material Handbook* or call your HOME Program Officer.

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

11. Airport Clear Zones

Is the proposed project located within the crash zone (2500 feet) of an airport?

NO _____ YES _____

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

12. Environmental Justice

Will this project have a disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effect on minority and/or low-income populations? Will this project exclude participation in or deny benefits to people because of their race, color or national origin?

NO _____ YES _____

Compliance Source and/or Documentation: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____